Change in classes XI, XII Textbooks

664. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has been following a policy of recommending a number of textbooks for each subject for Classes XI and XII;

(b) whether CBSE has been directed to introduce new syllabi and textbooks prepared by NCERT, from the academic year 2001-2002;

(c) whether the syllabi for various subjects for Classes XI-XII have been made available to private publishers to enable them to publish and submit to CBSE their new books for approval; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR.(SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The NCERT prepares model syllabi/curriculum and textbooks and makes them available to the CBSE. The CBSE adopts/adapts the NCERT curriculum every year for use in the schools affiliated to the Board.

(c) and (d) The NCERT does not provide syllabi to private publishers. It makes syllabi available only to Government Agencies and Boards.